## **Eligibility**

To assist your agency with determining the appropriateness of applying to the San Diego County Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund, the Trust Fund Subcommittee has established, and the Task Force has approved, the following criteria:

- Using a competitive grant process, the San Diego County Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund awards money to fire agencies of the unincorporated regions of San Diego County for capital projects. The Trust Fund encourages application from fire agencies, which, at a minimum, could not maintain current, direct service levels without the use of volunteers.
- The Trust Fund awards money for capital projects, such as purchasing fire department apparatus, improving facilities and acquiring safety equipment.
- The Trust Fund may award money for one-time training costs closely associated with a capital improvement project.

Funding requests to which the Trust Fund cannot give an award include:

- General operating expenses
- Debt retirement
- Programs
- Salaries of any kind
- General capital campaigns not part of a discrete capital project.
- Endowment funds
- Multiple year projects
- Investigations/Research/Reports